

DELAWARE PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD

The Townsend Building
401 Federal Street, Suite 2
Dover, Delaware 19901

Meeting Minutes

The Department of Education
The Cabinet Room

April 7, 2011
1:15 P.M.

Members Present: Michael Casson, Joanne Christian, Stephanie DeWitt, Marilyn Dollard, Karen Gordon, Cristy Greaves, Lori Hudson, David Kohan, Jill Lewandowski, Wendy Murray, Whitney Price, Kathleen Thomas and Jacqueline Wisnauskas.

Members Absent: Samtra Devard, Chris Kenton, and Shelley Rouser.

Others Present: Charlie Michels; PSB Executive Director, Paula Fontello; Deputy Attorney General, Peter Shulman; RTTT Chief Officer TLEU, Christopher Ruszkowski; RTTT Deputy Officer TLEU Teacher Preparation & Recruitment, Michelle Kriss; Secretary to PSB, and Deb Stevens; DSEA, Scott Reihm; DASA.

I. Opening

Call to Order: Ms. Thomas, Professional Standards Board Chair, called the meeting to Order at 1:23 p.m.

Approval of Agenda: A motion was made by Ms. Lewandowski and seconded by Ms. Gordon to approve the April 7, 2011 Agenda. The motion carried.

Approval of Minutes of March 3, 2011: It was noted that within the last bullet point on page 2 of the Executive Director's Report had an incomplete sentence. Mr. Michels indicated that this should state "Public comment was submitted by the State Council for Persons with Disabilities and the Governance Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens and there was no other public comment submitted during the comment period". A motion was made by Dr. Greaves and seconded by Mr. Kohan to approve the March 3, 2011 PSB Meeting Minutes as amended. The motion carried.

II. Public Comment

None.

III. Executive Director's Report

- Mr. Michels has been working with the Delaware Higher Education work group which has been working with him on certification regulation 1591 School Principal and Assistant Principal. This work group is scheduled to meet next

Wednesday at DASA. Mr. Michels is planning on combining their suggestions and those of the PSB in a draft of 1591 to be presented to the Professional Standards Board during the May 5, 2011 meeting..

- Mr. Michels said that he has been spending a considerable amount of time working on Emergency Certificate statistics by delving into DEEDS for data and from eSchool for the connections between educators and classes students have. The culmination of this work was an in-depth Report that was found in Members' folders.
- Mr. Michels met with the 19 School Chiefs this morning at Delaware State University and shared his Emergency Certificate Report with them. He asked the Chiefs for feedback and/or suggestions for regulation amendments.
- Mr. Michels said he had met with Christopher Ruszkowski several times in regard to the State Board of Education Work Session scheduled prior to their meeting in two weeks to talk about and present information about the Aspiring School Principal Certification Pilot Program that the PSB approved at last month's meeting. Mr. Michels has reiterated to Mr. Ruszkowski that there have been a lot of questions raised that are outside of the scope of the PSB and SBE's approval, as the SBE would only be approving the educational components of the program.
- Mr. Michels continues to work with Dr. Barton's work group on several topics.

IV. DOE Report

Mr. Michels introduced Ms. Shannon Holston, Deputy Officer of the School Turnaround Unit. Ms. Holston stated that School Turnaround Unit's role with Race to the Top is to work with schools that are identified to be Partnership Zone schools. She gave a brief report on the current status of the Unit's initiatives and completed work.

V. Action Items

A. 1582 School Nurse

Mr. Michels said this regulation was approved to be published by both the PSB and the State Board in October, 2010. It was published in the Delaware Register of Regulations on November 1, 2010 and in two local newspapers. Written comments were received from the Governor's Advisory Council for Exceptional Citizens and the State Council for Persons with Disabilities. The Councils expressed concerns regarding the language in 6.1.4, 4.1.2, and 5.1.1 concerning a nursing license and suggested that the Professional Standards Board consult with the Board of Nursing regarding whether more specific language was warranted. Mr. Michels had previously addressed the language choice and also contacted the Board of Nursing and confirmed that the language is appropriate. The Councils also suggested inserting R.N. before the word license 6.1.4 to conform to section 4.1.2. The Professional Standards Board took the comments under consideration and determined that the change was not necessary. The Councils also suggested a grammatical change in 6.1. The suggested change was reviewed and the Board agreed to incorporate the suggested change. There were also discussions with DOE regarding the amended regulations impact on charter schools. It was determined that the regulations apply to all educators in a public school. It was also discussed that the DOE has authority over Charter Schools and any remaining concerns may be addressed by the DOE through the Department's Charter School regulations. After minimal discussion, a motion was made by Ms. Dollard and

seconded by Dr. Greaves to approve **1582 School Nurse** for Final Approval. Upon noting a less than unanimous vote, Mr. Michels requested a roll call vote:

Michael Casson	Yes
Joanne Christian	No
Stephanie DeWitt	Yes
Marilyn Dollard	Yes
Karen Gordon	Yes
Cristy Greaves	Yes
Lori Hudson	Yes
David Kohan	Yes
Jill Lewandowski	Yes
Wendy Murray	Yes
Whitney Price	Yes
Jacqueline Wisnauskas	Yes
Kathleen Thomas	Yes

The motion carried.

VI. Discussion

A. 1556 School to Work

Mr. Michels said this regulation was approved to be published by both Boards in March of 2011. It was published in the Delaware Register of Regulations on April 1, 2011 and in 2 local newspapers on Friday April 1, 2011 as well. To date Mr. Michels had received no written comment. The PSB shared no further concerns.

B. 1584 School Social Worker

Mr. Michels said this regulation was approved to be published by both Boards in March of 2011. It was published in the Delaware Register of Regulations on April 1, 2011 and in 2 local newspapers on Friday April 1, 2011 as well. To date Mr. Michels had received no written comment. The PSB shared no further concerns.

C. 1505 Standard Certificate

Mr. Michels felt that this regulation is close to being ready for the PSB's LCC Committee and the DOE to review prior to the PSB considering a vote for Publication. Critical review is necessary as this regulation is that which most all other certifications are based. A limited number of amendments have been proposed.

D. 1573 Teacher of Students with Autism or Severe Disabilities

Mr. Michels has been working with the Statewide Director of the Delaware Autism Program, Dr. Vincent Winterling, who is concerned about the number of Emergency Certificates in this area and how to best provide opportunities for professional development that may lead to certification. Mr. Michels pointed out several suggested amendments to allow for additional opportunities to meet certification requirements. This initial draft will provide points of conversation upon working with DOE staff in the near future.

E. 1506 Emergency Certificates

Mr. Michels shared the conversation he had earlier in the day with the School Chiefs. Current data from DEEDS and eschool was presented via hard copies in Members' folders. Mr. Michels pointed out what he considered salient points in the Report. The same Report will be shared with attendees at the DOE Office of Teacher and Administrator Quality Development's Quarterly meeting on April 21, 2011 moderated by Director Dr. Wayne Barton. The attendees consist of district and charter school HR staff, Higher Education representatives and other concerned parties. This group will also be asked to provide feedback in response to the Report. Mr. Michels plans on drafting amendments to 1506 as well as having a future conversation with the SBE.

VII. Presentation

- A. Dr. Casson shared with the PSB his educational trip to Vietnam on behalf of Delaware State University.

VIII. PSB Standing Committees

A. Licensure and Certification Criteria

The Committee had not met.

B. Professional Development and Associated Compensation

The Committee had not met.

IX. Other

None.

X. Public Comment

None.

XI. Adjournment

A motion was made by Ms. DeWitt and seconded by Ms. Price to adjourn the meeting. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 3:28 p.m.